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AIR FREIGHT DOWN 7.9% IN FIRST QUARTER, 14.8% IN MARCH

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 23 -- Air freight declined 7.9 percent in the first quarter of 1985, compared with the first quarter of last year, and was down 14.8 percent in March, the Air Transport Association reported today.

In domestic service in the first quarter, air freight fell 8.5 percent. Mail rose 8.9 percent. Air cargo, including both freight and mail, was off 4.5 percent.

In international service in the first quarter, freight declined 7.1 percent. Mail volume fell 2.8 percent and total cargo was down 6.6 percent.

For March, in domestic service, freight was down 10.8 percent. Mail rose 10.7 percent and cargo was down 6.0 percent.

In March international service, freight declined 20.2 percent. Mail volume fell 8.4 percent and total cargo was off 18.8 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
MARCH 1985	313,218	109,996	423,214	206,760	32,208	238,968	519,978	662,182
MARCH 1984	350,979	99,335	450,314	258,970	35,158	294,128	609,949	744,442
PERCENT CHANGE	(10.8)	10.7	(6.0)	(20.2)	(8.4)	(18.8)	(14.8)	(11.0)
3 MONTHS 1985	858,174	301,970	1,160,144	609,261	95,677	704,938	1,467,435	1,865,082
3 MONTHS 1984	937,463	277,168	1,214,631	656,085	98,480	754,565	1,593,548	1,969,196
PERCENT CHANGE	(8.5)	8.9	(4.5)	(7.1)	(2.8)	(6.6)	(7.9)	(5.3)

NOTES: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Frontier, Hawaiian, Northwest, Ozark, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Republic, Trans World, United, USAir and Western. Continental system traffic included in domestic.

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